

## TOPICS OF THE TIME.

It was a little strange, wasn't it, that on Christmas day there should have been a strike at Bethlehem, Pa., among the miners.

It is now authoritatively stated in Gov. Packard, if not appointed collector at New Orleans, will be made sergeant-at-arms in the Senate in place of French, against whom there is considerable dissatisfaction.

Mr. Sutton, a well known professional base ball player, was converted at a revival meeting in Philadelphia not long ago. He rose to address the meeting and said, "I have made the first base, and by the help of the Lord will make a home run."

As the average young man's leathery gets purer and sweeter, and he feels that he is fast recuperating from his New Year's jamboree, he hovers sadly about the scene of former convivialities and heaves an involuntary sigh that he has sworn off.

A telegram from Rome says Cardinal Manning has suggested to the college of cardinals that on the death of the Pope the conclave for the election of his successor be held at Malta. This idea does not seem to find favor with the Italian cardinals.

Some Englishman has unearthed an old book published 210 years ago which says that Robert Hooke had at that time invented a telephone by which it was possible to hear a whisper at a distance. This original telephone man used a "distended wire" to communicate sound.

Richard T. Haley, a Kentuckian, suggests that the \$2,000,000 to the credit of the Confederate Government in England be transferred to a commission in this country, to be used in supplying artificial limbs to needy ex-Confederates, and in such other manner as the commission may determine.

According to the records in Pennsylvania, December, 1877, was the mildest December since 1848. The mean temperature of December, 1848, was 45 degrees; of December, 1877, 40.73 degrees. The coldest December on record in the vicinity of Philadelphia was that of 1832, its mean temperature being only 25 degrees.

Russia puts it thus: As long as the Turks hope for British aid, they will hold out; and the capture of Constantinople being the last event beyond which such interference could be deferred, they will even precipitate it, in order to force England into the fight, hoping then to reclaim all they had previously lost.

The best receipt we know, if you want to be miserable, is to think about your self, how much you have lost, how much you have not made, and the poor prospects for the future. A brave man with a soul in him gets out of such pitiful ruts and laughs at discouragements, rolls up his sleeves, whistles and sings, and makes the best of life.

An event worthy of special notice was the sailing from Philadelphia on the 2d of January of an American vessel with American iron, engineers and laborers, to build a railroad in Brazil. This is a new opening, not only for American enterprise and skill, but likewise for operative labor, and one that in the not distant future may become a valuable one.

By way of explanation, it is said the Wall street failures do not seriously disturb confidence, because the operators were nothing more nor less than gamblers, who took risks that ordinary gamblers would not take. But what about the banks by which the gambling operations were made possible? And what about the people who trusted their securities with irresponsible persons?

Judge Jacobs, who represents the great Territory of Washington, has introduced a bill looking to the admission of Washington Territory as a State. It has an area of 69,994 square miles, and is large enough for a couple of States. It has the finest forests in the world, easily reached by heavy shipping. A great State is destined to be created in this remote quarter. Its population now is 50,000.

The Cincinnati Telegraph informs us that late excavations of the Catacombs at Rome have brought to light many relics of the first century, among them representations in fresco and marble of the adoration of the three Oriental Kings or Magi. The Virgin appears in these frescoes as a Queen, seated upon a throne, holding the Divine Child in her lap, and receiving for Him the gifts of the three Kings.

**Fruits of Intelligent Labor.** Kansas leads every State in the Union in the yield of corn per acre, being 43.5 bushels. Little New Hampshire, strange to say, comes next, with a yield of 42.

Not so very strange in the case of "little" New Hampshire. Its active, industrious, intelligent and provident inhabitants, by the persistent exercise of these faculties, have made the steep mountain slopes and rock-bound valleys of their State a veritable Eden in point of fertility. "Scientific farming," so likely to be sneered at by the ignorant and shiftless, is here carried to perfection; the humblest farmer "takes the papers," keeps himself posted in the progress of agricultural science, and the appliances of improved husbandry, and takes advantage of the same to the fecundity of his fields, and the prosperity of his belongings. The example of "little" New Hampshire is worthy of imitation, as it illustrates the legitimate results of industry, thrift, and well-directed intelligence.

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## THE NEWS.

### THE EASTERN WAR.

Suffering on the March.

A Bucharest dispatch says the bridges crossing the Danube at Simliza were taken up to prevent their destruction. It is hoped the bridge at Petroshari, just reported as having been carried away, can be repaired. Nine hundred horses perished in the vicinity of Slatina during the recent storm. The total loss of draught animals must be numbered by thousands. Details are slowly coming in concerning the sufferings of the Turkish prisoners from Elexan on their way to Roumania. The prisoners were accompanied by any vehicle for the purpose of picking up those who fell by the way-side. These were left by the guards to freeze, as they had no means of carrying them, and a half would only have been to increase the number of victims. The absence of wagons was not due to deliberate cruelty, but to that thoughtlessness which so frequently subjects Russian soldiers to unnecessary suffering.

### The Brutal Turks.

Much excitement was created in London, caused by the news just received from Crete that a number of Christian families attempted to enter Retina, a small town on the northern coast, but were prevented by the Turkish populace who assaulted them, men, women and children. After driving the Christians back the Turks closed the gates of the town and then turned to the British vice-consul, threatening his life and pursuing him with knives until he found refuge in the house of a brother consul. The Turkish soldiers quietly stood by during all these outrages and not once attempting to stop the riotous disturbances. The British iron-clad "Rupert" arrived at Athens the last night, and sailed at night for Retina and it is believed that England will take temporary possession of the island with a view of preventing a repetition of the outrages.

### They Advance.

The Russians were reported on the 1st as approaching Sofia and the authorities have ordered the inhabitants to leave. The Russian fleet has left Euxine. One account states that he has been recalled to Constantinople, another that he has taken command of a small force in the field, with which he will endeavor to keep his communication open. Ismail Hakki Pasha is in command of Erzerum. The Russians have suspended the concentration of troops against that place on account of snow. They are making roads by tunneling through snow. From Belgrade it is announced that the garrison of Nisch seems inclined to surrender and negotiations have been opened for a capitulation.

### Russian Hardihood.

A Vienna dispatch says the Russians have achieved a rare piece of perseverance and endurance in crossing the Etropolis Balkans, and though the force cannot be very numerous, the whole movement seems to favor rather than to hold a disadvantageous position. General Gourkov ordered the Stankoff pass, then of regular military operations. It cannot but hasten the withdrawal of Turkish troops from the Balkan line, at any rate from the Western portion.

### Italy Waking Up.

It is reported in London that the King of Italy, in addressing the members of the Italian parliament at his New Year's reception, made a threatening speech, which was interpreted as directed against Turkey or England. The Times' Rome special says the King alluded to the grant of the present state of Europe, and expressed his earnest desire to contribute to peace.

### The Turks Must Wait.

A dispatch from Constantinople states that the meeting of the British Parliament, before making direct overtures to Russia, the Russians have taken Sofia. Troops are constantly passing through Galatz. This is understood to mean serious operations against the Cretans.

## CRIMINALITIES.

### A Brutal Murder Near St. Jo.

On Saturday morning last a homicide occurred near Sparta, near St. Jo. Mo., the particulars of which are as follows: Wm. Davis and a man named Smith, both in law, live on Cox's farm, but Smith was to give up the house to Davis the first of January, who remarked to Hawkins on Friday that when he got possession he would not allow so many visitors to come around and that Smith always had a lot of worthless people about him. Davis' wife, who was Smith's sister, reported to her brother the remarks of her husband, and when they met the two men had some words over the matter. Davis denying the whole thing, Saturday morning about 8 o'clock Davis went to Hawkins' place and demanded of him a retraction, which he refused to make. Smith came in about that time and Davis again insisted on Hawkins telling him that he (Davis) did not make use of the words alleged. Hawkins told him that he knew that he said it, but he would not say so, and that Smith always had a lot of worthless people about him. Davis' wife, who was Smith's sister, reported to her brother the remarks of her husband, and when they met the two men had some words over the matter. Davis denying the whole thing, Saturday morning about 8 o'clock Davis went to Hawkins' place and demanded of him a retraction, which he refused to make. Smith came in about that time and Davis again insisted on Hawkins telling him that he (Davis) did not make use of the words alleged. Hawkins told him that he knew that he said it, but he would not say so, and that Smith always had a lot of worthless people about him. Davis' wife, who was Smith's sister, reported to her brother the remarks of her husband, and when they met the two men had some words over the matter. Davis denying the whole thing, Saturday morning about 8 o'clock Davis went to Hawkins' place and demanded of him a retraction, which he refused to make. Smith came in about that time and Davis again insisted on Hawkins telling him that he (Davis) did not make use of the words alleged. Hawkins told him that he knew that he said it, but he would not say so, and that Smith always had a lot of worthless people about him.

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**Fruits of Intelligent Labor.** Kansas leads every State in the Union in the yield of corn per acre, being 43.5 bushels. Little New Hampshire, strange to say, comes next, with a yield of 42.

## Sentenced and Disbarred.

Judge Bacon of Boston, has over-ruled the motion for the new trial of Gafford White, a member of the bar, convicted of receiving two registered United States bonds, each of the value of \$10,000, knowing they had been stolen, and sentenced him to the house of correction for two years and to pay a fine of \$500. He was also disbarred.

## Robbed.

A convey carrying thirty thousand dollars in silver was robbed in the district of Mexico. The robbers escaped.

## GENERAL NEWS.

### The President's Polities.

An associated press dispatch from Washington says the administration will open the new year with a more aggressive policy respecting the hostilities which have sprung up in the Senate against its efforts to make its own selection of men to carry out its measures. The course which will be pursued has been determined upon, which means, not only new nominations of the New York office but a very general removal of the element now in every branch of service continually at work in the interests of the ring of the party in Congress which has sought to break down the administration. Information has been received from every section of the country, and such officials as have engaged in these operations are well known to the government, and will be dealt with accordingly. It was intimated to-day that the order of the President prohibiting officials from taking part in politics, should have afforded them such independence of action that they could have thrown off the burden of fealty to individual leaders. Instead of this, however, many have taken every means to increase the embarrassment. In this light the government feels that it could be no violation of the civil service rule to make new appointments in the office of the government where partnership has been displayed. The administration now fully realizes the importance of firmness and strengthening its hands, the absence of which renders absolute failure unavoidable.

### Nitro-Glycerine Explosion.

An Inter-Ocean special from Marquette, Michigan, says that a Chicago & Northwestern box car was being loaded with nitro-glycerine, at the Jackson mine, near Negaunee, the mass exploded, instantly killing seven men and demolishing the car. The locomotive was lifted into the air and thrown at least fifty feet, and landed in a confused heap of wood and iron. Of the killed, S. A. Wheeler and son, Walter and Joe Hinckley, were employed at the nitro-glycerine works, Hinckley being superintendent there. Three were blown to atoms, no pieces larger than two pounds being discovered. The other four were railroad employees, and were in the cab of the engine when the explosion came. Their blackened and mangled remains were there with the flesh stripped from their faces and limbs, and their bones broken. Their names are William Myers, William Shelton, Charles H. Bailett and Jeremiah Foley. Ishpeming, three miles away, plainly felt the shock, and the damage in Hecanau was probably \$2,500. Some persons there are reported seriously injured by the concussion.

### A New Pacific Road.

A new Pacific railroad bill will be presented as soon as Congress reconvenes. The eastern terminus is to be at Memphis, thereby forming connections with the present railroad facilities to all points North, East and South-West. The proposed railroad will pass Lake City to Jefferson, Texas, thence by the International & Great Northern railroad to San Antonio, thence in a westerly direction to El Paso and Del Norte, to connect with any road or roads to the Pacific coast, now or hereafter to be built, thus affording communication with the various military posts on these lines and the valley of the Rio Grande. The projectors ask for \$10,000,000 to be refunded the government rapidly as the money may be earned by transportation of mails and government supplies.

### Programme of the Democrats.

It is stated by a prominent Democratic Senator that the reassembling of Congress will find every member of his party in thorough accord with the determination to support all nominations of the President, unless it can be plainly shown that an applicant would be prejudicial to the public service. He said that the Senators who had assisted Conkling in his former contest with the administration were now fully aware that they had made a great mistake; that there was now a full and complete understanding between the Democratic Senators not to sustain Conkling nor any other Republican leader in any manner or shape against the President. Allusion was also made to the preparation of a resolution by Senator Cockrell which would be in the shape of an amendment to the constitution, prohibiting the payment, in any shape, of select pensions or war claims and losses, with the special prohibition of secession. This, it was stated, would set these vexed questions at rest forever.

### Another Bad Failure.

New York had another bad failure last week: The firm of Bonner & Co., stock dealers. It is said that the firm pursued the same methods charged against Teller & Co. The rehypothecation of securities and liabilities is said to be quite heavy, and several prominent speculators are mentioned as considerable losers. The failure has involved the suspension of the bankers, and brokers, association, an institution used by small operators for clearing stocks. Bonner cannot be found. It is thought that Bonner & Co.'s liabilities will exceed three hundred thousand dollars. Following the suspension, also came that of John T. Jackson, a small member of the Exchange, who was also short of Lake Shore and Western Union. Some of the large stockholders in the street are suffering by these failures, their loans having been violated. It is reported their securities sold out without authority. The failure is for over four hundred thousand.

### Will Veto the Silver Bill.

At a meeting of the cabinet held on the 8th, it was decided that the Silver bill shall be vetoed if it passes Congress. The President desired to have a bill framed that would draw the votes of all opponents of the Silver bill and some of the moderate supporters of that bill, but as each member of the cabinet had different views from the others on that subject, no plan was adopted.

### Remonetization.

In view of the probable passage of the bill remonetizing silver, and an increased demand for coin of that metal, following

as a consequence, it is estimated by the treasury officials that the various mints throughout the country will be reorganized and placed in a condition to meet this extraordinary demand. It is possible, however, that the proposed reorganization will be deferred until the bill shall have passed both houses.

## Currency Statement.

The following is the official statement of U. S. currency outstanding at this date: Old demand notes, \$93,532; legal tender notes, all issues, \$340,949,776; one year notes of 1863, \$54,165; two year notes of 1863 \$16,050; two year coupon notes of 1863, \$28,550; compound interest notes, \$288,510; fractional currency, all issues, \$17,734,108. Total, \$868,154,092.

## Interesting to Drummers.

The Commercial says that the merchants of New York, more especially those connected with the dry goods business, are considering the advisability of doing away with the system of employing commercial travelers to go around the country and sell by sample.

## For Ladies Only.

The Gazette announces the creation of an imperial order of the Crown of India, for ladies only. The order has been conferred on all the princesses, eight Indian highnesses and eighteen other persons of distinction.

## Colorado's Wealth.

From statistics compiled from the best possible sources, it is learned that Colorado's product of gold and silver for the year 1877 reaches the neat sum of \$7,579,432.

## Mexican Friendship.

President Diaz pretends to entertain anti-European sentiments, and is apparently counting on a close alliance with the United States.

## THE MARKETS.

Kansas City—Wheat, No. 2, cash, \$1.10 bid; No. 3, cash, \$1.02 bid. Corn, No. 2, cash, \$2 bid. Cattle—Col. Texas steers, \$3.00; native butchers' steers, \$4.00. Hogs—packers, \$3.70; \$3.85; stockers, \$3.00; \$3.50. St. Louis—Wheat, No. 3 red, \$1.20; rye, 56. Hogs, packers, \$4.00; \$4.25.

Chicago—Wheat, No. 1 spring, \$1.10; corn, \$2.40; cash. Cattle—stockers and feeders, \$3.00; \$3.70. Hogs, shipping, \$4.10; \$4.25.

New York—Wheat, No. 2 Chicago spring, \$1.22; \$1.23; No. 1 Minnesota spring, \$1.40; corn, mixed, \$2.00.

## HOW IT SEEMS TO BE ROBBED.

The Victim of a Texas Stage Robbery Tells His Experience.

BREKIDEN, TEX., Dec. 19.—On Saturday morning at 1 o'clock, near Pegler, I was started from an indifferent shelter in the stage-coach by the clicking of a wheel, and the voices of men without halting to the driver: "Turn into the brush, G—d—n you, or I'll shoot the side of your face off; you'll not tell me again." At the same time I saw two men with guns, one bearing on the driver and the other pointed at the opening in the coach. There were two passengers besides myself and the coachman. One of the men without halting to the driver: "Turn into the brush, G—d—n you, or I'll shoot the side of your face off; you'll not tell me again." At the same time I saw two men with guns, one bearing on the driver and the other pointed at the opening in the coach. There were two passengers besides myself and the coachman. One of the men without halting to the driver: "Turn into the brush, G—d—n you, or I'll shoot the side of your face off; you'll not tell me again." 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